STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Under the Scheme of compassionate appointments, which is in vogue in Central Govt., son or daughter or near relative of a deceased employee of the Central Para-Military Forces, who dies in harness can be appointed to Group 'C' and 'D' posts on compassionate grounds in relaxation of the provision contained in the Recruitment Rules for such posts, if the conditions prescribed in the said scheme are fulfilled in his or her case.

(b) and (c) There is no discrimination between a married son and a married danghter in matters of such compassionate appointments.

Benefits of Fourth Pay Commission to Doctors of Central Police Organisation

3904. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors of Central Police Organisation have not been given so far the benefit of Fourth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these benefits are likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The doctors of Central Police Organisations have been given the benefit of recommendations of the Fourth P: Commission except the recommendation contained in para 10.259 regarding their career prospects. Implementation of this recommendation is under consideration and a decision is erpected to be taken shortly.

Cell to find solution to Ayodhya Tangle

3905. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Cell has been constituted to find a solution to the Ayodhya tangle;

(b) if so, the composition of the Cell; and

(c) the specific tasks assigned to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) A Cell consisting of three Joint Secretaries has been established in the Prime Minister's Office to provide such assistance to the Prime Minister in dealing with the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute as required. In addition a Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister has been appointed to coordinate the work relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute.

Amendment of criminal procedure Code

3906. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for amending an updating the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code regulating the determination and grant of maintenance to married women in view of the inadequacy of the amount to sustain a life with dignity and the delay that often takes place in payment thereof; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not what steps are being contemplated to mitigate the hardships to the women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACIB): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration of the Government.